

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A contents supplying system comprising:

a contents supplying server apparatus that supplies contents for downloading via a communication network; and

a[[n]] plurality of information processing terminals for at least one user, that receives the contents from the server apparatus for at least one user being downloadable to each information processing terminal via a communication network,

wherein the server apparatus comprises:

a server storing device for storing, together with numerous contents, user information for each user, including user ID information representing a plurality of information processing terminals belonging to one user from among the at least one user and contents purchase information comprising contents ID information and copy control data, wherein the copy control data includes a total number of times the downloaded contents are allowed to be copied to an external apparatus or recording medium; and

a server controlling section that, in response to a copy permission request from a user:

~~for copying copies~~ the downloaded contents from said one of the information processing terminals to [[an]] the external apparatus or recording medium,

reads out the copy control data of the requested downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server storing device,

supplies the copy control data of the user to ~~said the one~~ information processing terminal, and

amends the stored copy control data of the user corresponding to [[a]] the copy permission request stored in the server storing device, and

decrements the total number of times the downloaded contents are copied from any of the information processing terminals belonging to the one user, and

supplies the downloaded contents, which have been previously downloaded by the one user, without executing a fee-charging process, to any of the information processing terminals belonging to the one user, if the number of times the previously downloaded contents have been copied does not exceed the total number of times allowed to be copied,

wherein each of the information processing terminals comprises:

a terminal storing device for storing the downloaded contents from the server apparatus;

a sending section for sending to the server apparatus a copy permission request for copying the downloaded contents to the external apparatus or recording medium each time before the downloaded contents are to be copied to ~~any~~ the external apparatus or recording medium;

~~—— a receiving section for receiving the copy control data of the downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server apparatus; and~~

~~—— a terminal controlling section for determining whether or not to copy said downloaded contents to the external apparatus or recording medium based on the received copy control data.~~

2-3. (*Canceled*)

4. (*Previously Presented*) The contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein said server storing device stores an initial value of the copy control data, contents by contents.

5. (*Previously Presented*) The contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein said contents are music data.

6. (*Currently Amended*) ~~[[A]] The contents supplying system according to claim 1~~ information processing terminal for downloading contents from a contents supplying server apparatus via a communication network, wherein each of the information processing terminals comprising further comprises:

~~a storing device for storing the downloaded contents from the server apparatus;~~
~~—— a sending section for sending to the server apparatus a copy permission request for copying the downloaded contents to an external apparatus or recording medium each time before the downloaded contents are to be copied to any external apparatus or recording medium;~~

a receiving section for receiving the copy control data of the downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server apparatus; and

a terminal controlling section for determining whether or not to copy said the downloaded contents into the external apparatus or recording medium based on the received copy control data.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The contents ~~information processing terminal~~ supplying system according to claim 6, wherein said contents are music data.

9. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing a computer program for a contents supplying system comprising a contents supplying server apparatus that supplies contents for downloading, and a plurality of information processing terminals for at least one user, that downloads via a communication network the contents from a contents-supplying the server apparatus in a storing device being downloadable to each information processing terminal, the contents supplying server including a server storing device for storing, together with numerous contents, user information for each user, including user ID information representing the information processing terminals belonging to one user from among the at least one user and contents purchase information comprising contents ID information and copy control data, wherein the copy control data includes a total number of times the downloaded contents are allowed to be copied to an external apparatus or recording medium, and the contents server apparatus having a server controlling section and the information processing terminals each having a terminal storing device, the computer program including instructions for:
controlling the server controlling section to, in response to a copy permission request from the one user:

copy the downloaded contents from one of the information processing terminals to the external apparatus or recording medium,

read out the copy control data of the requested downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server storing device,

supply the copy control data of the user to the one information processing terminal,

amend the stored copy control data of the user corresponding to the copy permission request,

decrement the total number of times the downloaded contents are copied from any of the information processing terminals belonging to the one user, and

supply the downloaded contents, which have been previously downloaded by the one user, without executing a fee-charging process, to any of the information processing terminals belonging to the one user, if the number of times the previously downloaded

contents have been copied does not exceed the total number of times allowed to be copied;

storing the downloaded contents from the server apparatus in the terminal storing device;

sending to the server apparatus, from any of the information processing terminals, the ~~[[a]]~~ copy permission request for copying the downloaded contents to ~~[[an]]~~ the external apparatus or recording medium each time before the downloaded contents are to be copied to any external apparatus or recording medium;

~~———receiving copy control data of the downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server apparatus; and~~

~~———determining whether or not to copy said downloaded contents to the external apparatus or recording medium based on the received copy control data.~~

10. *(Canceled)*

11. *(Currently Amended)* The non-transitory computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein said contents are music data.

12. *(Currently Amended)* The non-transitory contents supplying system according to claim 1, wherein the external apparatus is an electronic musical instrument.

13. *(Previously Presented)* The contents information processing terminal according to claim 6, wherein the external apparatus is an electronic musical instrument.

14. *(Currently Amended)* The non-transitory computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein the external apparatus is an electronic musical instrument.

15. *(New)* The non-transitory computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein the computer program further includes instructions for each of the information processing terminals to:

receive the copy control data of the downloaded contents to be copied to the external apparatus or recording medium from the server apparatus; and

determine whether or not to copy the downloaded contents to the external apparatus or recording medium based on the received copy control data.